

November 15, 2007 Monthly Town Board Meeting

Present at meeting: Ralph Bentley Supervisor
 Frank Hill Councilman
 Kenneth Higgins Councilman
 Robert Olson Councilman
 Shirley Hayes- Councilwoman-Absent

Paul Smith Highway Superintendent
Arlene Mayer Town Clerk

Also: Sandy Smith, Harry Balz, Tom Johansen, Poul Carstensen, Joe Dooris
Supervisor Bentley opened the meeting. The legal notice for fuel bids was duly noted. Only one bid was received and the clerk proceeded to open it. The bid was from Buckman’s Fuel and was as follows: Fuel Oil + mark up \$2.8965 per gallon
 Kerosene + mark up \$3.271 per gallon
The bid will be discussed later in the meeting.

Approval of Minutes- The minutes of October 18th and November 8th were approved by MOTION of Messrs. Hill & Higgins, all ayes.
Reports- Supervisor, Town Clerk, Zoning, Justice, Highway Building, Highway

Fuel Bid- After discussion regarding the prices bid for fuel it was decided to reject the bids and re-bid.

RESOLUTION NO. 132 OF 2007

Messrs. Hill & Olson introduced Res. 132 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO REJECT FUEL BID AND RE-BID

WHEREAS, the Town Board advertised for bids for fuel for the year 2008, AND
WHEREAS, one bid was received and opened
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT
RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby reject said bid from Buckman’s Fuel and authorizes the clerk to re-bid for fuel oil and kerosene.

Hill-aye, Higgins-aye, Olson-aye, Hayes-absent, Bentley-aye

Highway Report- Highway Superintendent Smith reported on a problem he was having with items his men have cleaned up from the garage property and taken to the landfill. Landfill Supervisor Bob Hayes has been bringing some of the items back to the highway. HS Smith said he is trying to clean up as he was asked to do, but now some of the tires and items are back at the highway. He was told no tires over 4’ could be taken at the landfill but he measured the tires and none are over 4’. After a short discussion it was decided that the clerk direct a Memo to the landfill supervisor stating that tires and other items brought in by the highway department are to be left at the landfill and not brought back to the highway property. On the subject of the landfill Mr. Joe Dooris asked if it was true the gate was left unlocked at the landfill. Councilman Hill said gate was closed but maybe not locked all the time. Councilman Higgins said the gate needs to be locked and then introduced a MOTION that gate to landfill be locked every time the employees leave for the day, seconded by Councilman Hill, all ayes. The clerk will add this to the memo to the landfill supervisor. Mr. Dooris also questioned how often the money from the landfill was turned in to the clerk. Mr. Dooris felt the money should not be left there more than a day or so, especially in the summer and especially when the gate is not locked.

The discussion then moved to the huge pile of stumps at the landfill. The question is “where did they come from”? Mr. Dooris would like to know how come nobody saw the stumps come in. Discussion regarding having better control of what comes in with Councilman Hill saying that he agrees with what Mr. Hayes suggested regarding closing the one road to the back. The question still stands as to how the stumps got into the landfill and who brought them in? It was suggested that the tree removal companies brought them in after the storm clean up. This led to HS Smith reporting that the landfill supervisor would not allow Warren County to bring in stumps from their clean up after the storm, so why these other stumps? HS Smith said the County got permission

from the Remingtons to temporarily dump their stumps on their property until they could clean them up. Councilman Hill said he thought it was the Town’s policy to work with Warren County when needed and why didn’t we do that. Councilman Hill would like to see this straightened out with the County. HS Smith said he thinks the county will let the town take the stumps from the landfill and dump them up at their pile even though the county was not allowed to dump theirs at our landfill. Lastly, the problem of “dump-picking” was brought up. The clerk was directed to add this item to the memo also.

New Highway Building- Mr. Balz reported they are working on the end-stage clean up of the new building, as he wants to turn it over in “tip-top” shape. Mr. Balz reported again on the great cooperation between HS Smith, the highway employees and himself. Mr. Balz added that the help from the highway department helped the project move along as well as it has.

Approval of Abstracts

RESOLUTION NO. 133 OF 2007

Messrs. Hill & Olson introduced Res. 133 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE NOVEMBER ABSTRACTS

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby authorize the bookkeeper to pay the following November Abstracts:

Highway Vouchers # 261-284	\$58,397.66
General Vouchers # 301-339	\$26,661.80
Highway Abstract # 31	\$ 9,828.60
General Abstracts # 30 & 31	\$15,981.88

Hill-aye, Higgins-aye, Olson-aye, Hayes-absent, Bentley-aye

Communications

Brian Grisi, APA	RE: Draft for zoning revision
Christine Smith-Hayes	RE: Training Report
North Warren Central School	RE: Advertisement for Yearbook
Laberge Group	RE: Smart Growth Grant
NYS Dept. of Transportation	RE: Shaw Hill Road Request

Old Business

APA Revision- Referred to the Planning Board for their meeting next week.

New Business

Wood splitter & furnace bids

Wood furnace-	Gary Kaszowski bid \$3,277.77
	Martin Cooper bid \$2,000.00
	Paul Logue bid \$3,001.00
Wood splitter-	Gary Kaszowski bid \$77.77
	David Nuwer bid \$150.00
	Bruce Smith bid \$75.00

New Mower for Highway- Superintendent Smith said if we order it now we can hold down the price but won’t have to take delivery or pay for it until next year.

Christmas Wreaths- There is money from the bed tax fund that could be used to enhance and beautify the Town further. The old fashioned lights around the pond are now up and working and a request was made for authorization to purchase lighted wreathes for each of the lights and also one to present to Chuck Hilton in appreciation for all the volunteer work he has done to wire the lights and get them working.

Resolutions

RESOLUTION NO. 134 OF 2007

Messrs. Hill & Olson introduced Res. 134 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE AD FOR NORTH WARREN SCHOOL YEARBOOK

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize placing a Congratulations Graduates ad in the North Warren Central School Yearbook. Cost of ad is \$125.00.

Hill-aye, Higgins-aye, Olson-aye, Hayes-absent, Bentley-aye

RESOLUTION NO. 135 OF 2007

Messrs. Olson & Hill introduced Res. 135 and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION TO HIRE LABERGE GROUP FOR
SMART GROWTH PROGRAM GRANT**

WHEREAS, the Town Board, after due consideration, has determined that it is desirable and in the public interest to undertake the necessary planning steps and related work for the community development improvements. It is hereby resolved that this project be known as the 2007 Adirondack Park Community Smart Growth Program, AND

WHEREAS, the Town of Horicon, County of Warren, New York desires to apply for financial assistance from the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), AND

WHEREAS, the Supervisor is authorized and directed to submit an application for financial assistance under such programs and is authorized to execute all other documents necessary for the implementation of this work, NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the firm of Laberge Group, 4 Computer Drive West, Albany, New York 12205, duly licensed under the Laws of the State of New York be authorized to prepare and manage the aforesaid application for financial assistance and all other plans, specifications, contracts, drawings, documents, and other necessary planning and community development work as required and as directed by the Supervisor, AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that said Planning and Community Development Department shall begin the initial application preparation and that an original and four copies of this Resolution be forwarded to said Laberge Group for inclusion into the application documents and that in order to avoid duplication of effort, all departments, agencies, etc., shall transmit to said Laberge Group copies of planning previously or collaterally accomplished under other Local, State or Federal Programs, such planning to be utilized wherever applicable.

Hill-aye, Higgins-aye, Olson-aye, Hayes-absent, Bentley-aye

RESOLUTION NO. 136 OF 2007

Messrs. Hill & Olson introduced Res. 136 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AWARD BIDS FOR STOVE & SPLITTER

WHEREAS, the Town Board advertised for bids for the sale of surplus equipment, being the wood furnace and wood splitter at the highway garage, NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby award the wood furnace to the high bidder, Gary Kaszowski for the amount of \$3,277.77 and the wood splitter to the high bidder, David Nuwer for the amount of \$150.00.

Hill-aye, Higgins-aye, Olson-aye, Hayes-absent, Bentley-aye

RESOLUTION NO. 137 OF 2007

Messrs. Hill & Higgins introduced Res. 137 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE PURCHASE OF MOWER & ATTACHMENTS

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize the Highway Superintendent to order a new tractor, mower and broom at this time in order to hold the price for delivery and payment in 2008. This mower is a budgeted item in the 2008 Budget, but ordering now will save the Town from paying anticipated increase in price. Price of tractor and attachments is \$67,499.67.

Hill-aye, Higgins-aye, Olson-aye, Hayes-absent, Bentley-aye

RESOLUTION NO. 138 OF 2007

Messrs. Olson & Hill introduced Res. 138 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE PURCHASE OF CHRISTMAS WREATHS

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize the purchase of 20 Christmas wreaths for the newly installed pole lights around the Mill Pond. The wreaths are \$232.00 each and will be purchased from Display Sales of Bloomington, MN. Funds will be taken from the Special Publicity Code (6412.4).

Hill-aye, Higgins-aye, Olson-aye, Hayes-absent, Bentley-aye

Sealing cracks in Community Center parking lot- We have a price for sealing the cracks in parking lot, but it may be too late in the season to do it now. HS Smith is first going to check with WC to see if it's past the time to do it, if not perhaps we can get a price from them. In the meantime a Resolution was set in place in case needed.

RESOLUTION NO. 139 OF 2007

Messrs. Hill & Higgins introduced Res. 139 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO HIRE CONTRACTOR TO SEAL PARKING LOT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes Michael Shaughnessy to seal the cracks in the Community Center parking lot. Mr. Shaughnessy's proposal states "all cracks 1/8" and larger will be cleaned using high pressure blowers and sealed using highway grade hot melt sealer (Federal Spec D-3405)" for a price of \$1,200.00. This authorization will take effect when it is determined that project can still be done this year.

Hill-aye, Higgins-aye, Olson-aye, Hayes-absent, Bentley-aye

RESOLUTION NO. 140 OF 2007

Messrs. Higgins & Olson introduced Res. 140 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR 2008 CONTRACTS

WHEREAS, monies have been appropriated in the 2008 Budget in the following amounts:

North Warren Emergency Squad	\$39,000.00
Horicon Historical Society	\$ 500.00
Senior Mini-Bus	\$ 4,595.00
North Warren Chamber of Comm.	\$ 6,000.00
Horicon Free Library	\$ 1,000.00
Horicon Senior Citizens	\$ 500.00
Chester-Horicon Health Center	\$ 5,000.00
Snowmobile Club	\$ 3,500.00
Horicon Volunteer Fire Company	\$139,000.00

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that a Notice of Public Hearing will be published stating that a hearing on the above named contracts will be held on December 20th at 7:00 PM at the Horicon Community Center.

Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Absent: Councilwoman Hayes

RESOLUTION NO. 141 OF 2007

Messrs. Higgins & Olson introduced Res. 141 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE BUDGET AMENDMENT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes the bookkeeper to execute the following Budget Amendment:

Increase Highway Appropriations with Fund Balance	
Increase Appropriation Fund Balance (D599)	\$55,000.00
Increase Appropriations D960 (5110.4)	\$55,000.00

Hill-aye, Higgins-aye, Olson-aye, Hayes-absent, Bentley-aye

RESOLUTION NO. 142 OF 2007

Messrs. Higgins & Olson introduced Res. 142 of 2007 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE TRANSFER OF FUNDS

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize the bookkeeper to make the following fund transfers:

Highway:

<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
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5148.1 (Ser. Ot Gov.)	5110.1 (Gen. Rep. Per.)	\$ 1,895.62
5148.1 (Ser. Ot.Gov.)	5142.1 (Sno. Rem. Per.)	\$41,054.38
5140.1 (Miss. Brush)	5140.4 (Mis. Brush Per.)	\$ 2,000.00
General:		
1990.4 (Cont.)	1330.4 (Tax Col. Con.)	\$ 470.00
9060.8 (Health)	1950.4 (Tax & Asses.)	\$ 342.81
9060.8 (Health)	6772.4 (Aging)	\$ 211.22
7310.1 (Youth Per.)	7310.4 (Youth Con.)	\$ 57.38
8020.4 (Plan. Con.)	8010.4 (Zon. Con.)	\$ 1,000.00

Hill-aye, Higgins-aye, Olson-aye, Hayes-absent, Bentley-aye

RESOLUTION NO. 143 OF 2007

The Members of the Horicon Town Board introduced Res. 143 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION TO CHUCK HILTON

WHEREAS, in the center of the hamlet of Brant Lake, in the Town of Horicon there is a lovely and scenic Mill Pond, AND

WHEREAS, over the years mention has been made of “someday” surrounding the pond with old fashioned street lights that would enhance the small town beauty of the pond, AND

WHEREAS, in 2007 through the help of the Brant Lake Foundation, and money from tourism, the dream took shape and the streetlights were purchased. Purchasing the lights was the first step, the biggest part of the project was still ahead, AND

WHEREAS, Chuck Hilton stepped up and came to the rescue of the Town by volunteering his knowledge and experience to wire the lights and guide their placement, NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon, by this Resolution, does hereby recognize and acknowledge the enormous contribution of time and effort made by Mr. Hilton in his dedication to see this project through, BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the lights serve as a reminder of Chuck Hilton’s community spirit and the grateful appreciation of the people who will get to enjoy them for many years to come, AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk be, and she hereby is, directed to forward a copy of this Resolution to Mr. Hilton together with their best wishes.

Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Absent: Councilwoman Hayes

The clerk will also write a thank you letter to the Brant Lake Foundation for their efforts in raising money toward the newly erected lights around the Mill Pond.

Privilege of the Floor-

Veterans Day Program- Mr. Poul Carstensen expressed his disappointment at the “disgraceful” turnout of people at the ceremony at the Community Center on Veterans Day. Mr. Carstensen said the Board should see it is advertised and planned better. Councilman Hill said he was not even aware there was a program and the Town was not who arranged for it to take place. There was a discussion regarding the VFW and the Town trying harder next year to make sure the community is aware that a program is planned at the Veterans monument. Certainly there would have been a better turnout this year had the community know about it.

Safety equipment for the Highway Superintendent- The Board agreed that the Town should provide Highway Superintendent Smith the same safety equipment as his men have. This includes safety boots, t-shirts, sweatshirts and coat.

This being all the business to attend to, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM by MOTION of Messrs. Hill & Olson, all ayes.

Respectfully submitted:

Town Clerk